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telling them they're wrong; I'll *show* them.' But this he has not been allowed to do. In his last letter of instructions to myself, which he had dictated to his brother, he said, 'all those who have travelled with me will be able to give evidence if I adhered to the terms of the agreement to really search for Leichhardt while a horse or a camel remained of the expedition.' That he did so, and would have continued to do so, none who knew him can doubt.

"W. F. SLOMAN, Second in Command."

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7. *On the result of Mr. McKinlay's Exploration in search of Lands suitable for Settlement in the neighbourhood of Adam Bay, in Northern Australia.* Extract of a Despatch from Sir D. DALY, Governor of South Australia, to Lord CARNARVON, dated 27th September, 1866.

(Communicated by the COLONIAL OFFICE.)

"THE arrival yesterday of the schooner *Beatrice* from Adam Bay, with Master Howard, R.N., and the survey party, has furnished me with dates from that quarter to the 14th August.

"Mr. McKinlay, with two of his exploring party, have also returned in the *Beatrice.*

"No deaths had occurred in the settlement, and all were in good health; but I regret to say that with the mention of these fortunate circumstances ends everything favourable that can be reported of the prospects of the Adam Bay Settlement, which I fear must be considered a complete failure.

"Time does not permit my giving your Lordship full details of the causes of McKinlay's want of success, in the discovery of lands more suitable for settlement than Escape Cliffs. After having lived upon horse-flesh as long as that source of supply lasted, he constructed a kind of boat, partly with the horses' skins, in which he and his party managed with great difficulty to return by the coast to Adam Bay.

"Mr. Howard's Report, of which I have the honour to enclose printed copies,* shall be accompanied by any further particulars that can be supplied by this mail; but full details shall be transmitted by the next, by which time I shall likewise probably be able to inform your Lordship of the final intentions of my Government in regard to this first unfortunate effort by the colony to settle the Far North.

"At present the intention is to despatch a vessel immediately to bring back the remainder of the party with all their effects, and for the time, at least, to abandon all further efforts at settlement in that quarter."

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* Mr. Howard's Report will be printed in the Journal of the R.G.S.